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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA ON COORDINATING WESTERN SUPPORT FOR A
FISSILE MATERIAL CUTOFF TREATY (FMCT)

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11. Charge delivered reftel demarche on July 27 to Alexander Kmentt, the MFA's acting Arms Control Director.

12. Kmentt was aware of the draft treaty the U.S. introduced on May 18. In general, he said, Austria supported a Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty (FMCT), and was happy that the EU had been able to issue a statement to that effect during the Austrian EU presidency for the first time in four years. He noted that the EU and the U.S. had differences on an FMCT. One such difference involved the EU view favoring verification. Nevertheless, it was important, he said, to get started with negotiations, and not to let conflicting views of the outcome block the start of talks.

13. Kmentt asked how U.S. support for the Indian nuclear arrangement squared with India's strong position in favor of a verification regime.

14. Kmentt said he had not heard before about our proposal for a division of labor in western lobbying efforts. He had no objection in principle, but said he would have to discuss this point with Austria's CD delegation. He further noted that the EU as a whole would have to come up with a position on this issue.

15. Kmentt also said he had not been aware that the U.S. supported negotiation of an FMCT through informal meetings of the CD's plenary instead of in an ad hoc committee. He

indicated that the U.S. proposal of May 18 had referred to discussions in an ad hoc committee. He agreed that it was important to avoid linkages and get FMCT negotiations underway.

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